

## **No Teens Without Technology**

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Technology has made teen life cooler than ever before. The world has expanded even bigger than my imagination. The personal computer, Internet, cell-phones, and other electronics have totally changed my life. The computer has beaten the pen and the typewriter in making school life easier by helping me write papers quickly and neatly and catch most of my fleeting thoughts as I write. I cannot imagine life without the presence of the computer. The computer has partnered with the Internet in connecting me to the outside world. No matter where my friends and I go to college we can effortlessly be there for each other with a call on the cell-phone, an email, or an instant message. My friends and I are closely linked to each other because we can swiftly share the mp3's that define our moods and dreams, files that state our opinions and beliefs, and digital pictures that describe our physical surroundings, introduce our newfound friends, and capture the exhilarating moments of life. My knowledge has expanded with the many hours I spend reading articles, books, and other compositions of information about topics such as environmental and working class issues that interest me. I feel fortunate to live in a time when so much information is readily available for me to explore. I would not be able to keep so many friends if it was not for the ease of the computer and the Internet. It is fun being a teen in this decade.